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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Commissioner:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of any foreign patent documents or "Other Documents" are enclosed. The European Search Report for the corresponding European application is also enclosed. This search report was mailed on October 2, 2006.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

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- The Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. applications. A copy of each U.S. patent application publication (if published) or application (if not published) is enclosed.

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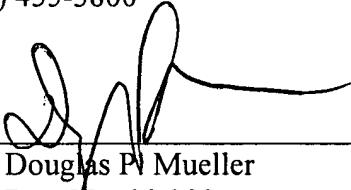
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	US 4,839,296	06/1989	Kennedy et al.			
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION
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	WO 02/063296	08/2002	WIPO			
	EP 1 118 859	07/2001	European Patent Application			
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)						
		European Search Report for the corresponding European application 03794289.3, mailed October 2, 2006.				
		Anonymous, "Cyclopore Membranes", January 19, 1998, XP002397263, pg. 1-6, URL: http://web.archive.org/web/19980119135735/whatman.com.product/lf4e.htm				
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